

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 28 public bills, H.R. 5993–6020; and 10 resolutions, H.J. Res. 82–83; H. Con. Res. 346–347; and H. Res. 1181–1186, were introduced. **Pages H3401–03**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3403–05**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3021, to direct the Secretary of Education to make grants and low-interest loans to local educational agencies for the construction, modernization, or repair of public kindergarten, elementary, and secondary educational facilities, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–623);

H.R. 5781, to provide that 8 of the 12 weeks of parental leave made available to a Federal employee shall be paid leave, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–624, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 752, to direct Federal agencies to donate excess and surplus Federal electronic equipment, including computers, computer components, printers, and fax machines, to qualifying small towns, counties, schools, nonprofit organizations, and libraries, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–625). **Page H3401**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative McNulty to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H3189**

Neighborhood Stabilization Act of 2008: The House passed H.R. 5818, to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to make loans to States to acquire foreclosed housing and to make grants to States for related costs, by a recorded vote of 239 ayes to 188 noes, Roll No. 299. Consideration of the measure began on Wednesday, May 7th. **Pages H3191–S3202**

Rejected the Shadegg motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House promptly with amendments, by a recorded vote of 210 ayes to 216 noes, Roll No. 298. **Pages H3196–S3202**

Agreed to sustain the ruling of the chair on a point of order raised by Representative Westmoreland by a recorded vote of 235 ayes to 182 noes with 6 voting “present”, Roll No. 296. **Pages H3193–94**

Accepted:

Altmire amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 110–621) that was debated on Wednesday, May 7th that clarifies that illegal immigrants shall be ineligible for financial assistance under the bill (by a recorded vote of 391 ayes to 33 noes, Roll No. 297). **Page H3194**

Rejected:

Hensarling amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 110–621) that was debated on Wednesday, May 7th that sought to strike all references in the bill to providing grants to states, but leave the underlying loan program intact. Money from the grant portion of the bill (\$7.5 billion) would be re-directed to the loan portion (for a total of \$15 billion in loans) (by a recorded vote of 190 ayes to 219 noes, Roll No. 295). **Pages H3191–92**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H3311**

H. Res. 1174, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Wednesday, May 7th.

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, May 6th:

Prioritizing Resources and Organization for Intellectual Property Act of 2008: H.R. 4279, amended, to enhance remedies for violations of intellectual property laws, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 410 ayes to 11 noes, Roll No. 300; **Pages H3202–03**

Recognizing National Nurses Week on May 6 through May 12, 2008: H. Res. 1086, to recognize National Nurses Week on May 6 through May 12, 2008; **Page H3203**

Exempting the African National Congress from treatment as a terrorist organization for certain acts or events, provide relief for certain members of the African National Congress regarding admissibility: H.R. 5690, amended, to exempt the African National Congress from treatment as a terrorist organization for certain acts or events and to provide relief for certain members of the African National Congress regarding admissibility; **Page H3203**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To remove the African National Congress from treatment as a terrorist organization for certain acts or events, provide relief for certain members of the African National Congress regarding admissibility, and for other purposes.”. **Page H3203**

Amending the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for compensation to States incarcerating undocumented aliens charged with a felony or two or more misdemeanors: H.R. 1512, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for compensation to States incarcerating undocumented aliens charged with a felony or two or more misdemeanors; and **Page H3203**

Coin Modernization and Taxpayer Savings Act of 2008: H.R. 5512, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to prescribe the weights and the compositions of circulating coins. **Pages H3203–04**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To reduce the costs of producing 1-cent and 5-cent coins, provide authority to the Secretary of the Treasury to perform research and development on new metallic content for circulating coins, and to require biennial reports to Congress on circulating coin production costs and possible alternative metallic content.”

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Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2008: The House agreed to the Senate amendment with amendments, made in order by the rule and printed in H. Rept. 110–622, to H.R. 3221, moving the United States toward greater energy independence and security, developing innovative new technologies, reducing carbon emissions, creating green jobs, protecting consumers, increasing clean renewable energy production, and modernizing our energy infrastructure, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the production of renewable energy and energy conservation. **Pages H3204–H3308**

On a division of the question, the House agreed to the Senate amendment with amendment No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–622 by a yea-and-nay vote of 266 yeas to 154 nays, Roll No. 301.

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On a division of the question, the House agreed to the Senate amendment with amendment No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–622 by a recorded vote of 322 yeas to 94 noes, Roll No. 302.

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On a division of the question, the House agreed to the Senate amendment with amendment No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 110–622 by a recorded vote of 256 yeas to 160 noes, Roll No. 303.

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Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 1175, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendments, was agreed to on Wednesday, May 7th.

Food and Energy Security Act of 2007—Motion to Instruct Conferees: Rejected the Flake motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, by a yea-and-nay vote of 128 yeas to 274 nays, Roll No. 304. Consideration of the motion began on Tuesday, May 6th.

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Food and Energy Security Act of 2007—Motion to Instruct Conferees: Rejected the Cantor motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, by a yea-and-nay vote of 169 yeas

to 222 nays, Roll No. 305. Consideration of the motion began on Wednesday, May 7th.

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Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism—

Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Boehner, Minority Leader, in which he appointed Mr. Henry Sokolski of Arlington, Virginia and Mr. Stephen Rademaker of McLean, Virginia to the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 12th, and further, that when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13th for morning hour debate.

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Food and Energy Security Act of 2007—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House began consideration of the Upton motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012. Further proceedings were postponed.

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Food and Energy Security Act of 2007—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House began consideration of the Skimkus motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012. Further proceedings were postponed.

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Food and Energy Security Act of 2007—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House considered the Terry motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012. Agreed by unanimous consent that the motion be withdrawn.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3189.

Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res. 72 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and S. Con. Res. 81 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3192, H3193–94, H3194, H3201–02, H3202, H3203, H3306–07, H3307, H3307–08, H3308–09 and H3309. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 5658, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 5658, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities approved for full Committee action H.R. 5658, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

FINANCING INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

Committee on the Budget: and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure held a joint hearing on Financing Infrastructure Investments. Testimony was heard from Peter R. Orszag, Director, CBO; and Patricia A. Dalton, Managing Director, Physical Infrastructure Team, GAO.

NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES PROGRAMS

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities held a hearing on The National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Arts: Overview of Programs and National Impact. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities: Bruce Cole, Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities; and Dana Gioia, Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts; William F. Glacken, Mayor, Freeport, New York; and public witnesses.

STEM CELL SCIENCE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Stem Cell Science: The Foundation for Future Cures.” Testimony was heard from Elias A. Zerhouni, M.D., Director, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

DIRECT-TO-CONSUMER ADVERTISING

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Direct-to-Consumer Advertising: Marketing, Education, or Deception.” Testimony was heard from Marcia G. Crosse, Director, Health Care, GAO; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL GULF COAST HOUSING FUNDS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Emergency CDBG Funds in the Gulf Coast: Uses, Challenges, and Lessons for the Future.” Testimony was heard from Stanley Gimont, Acting Director, Block Grant Programs, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Bill Johnson, Director, Department of Economic and Community Affairs, State of Alabama; Gail Stafford, Administrator, Community Development Block Grant Funds, Department of Community Affairs, State of Florida; David Bowman, Director, Research and Special Projects, Recovery Authority, State of Louisiana; Jack Norris, Director, Governor’s Office of Recovery and Renewal, State of Mississippi; William Dally, Deputy Executive Director, Department of Housing and Community Affairs, State of Texas; and public witnesses.

U.S. MIDDLE EAST AID

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on U.S. Assistance to the Middle East: Old Tools for New Tasks? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: C. David Welch, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs; and George A. Laudato, Administrator’s Special Assistant for the Middle East, The Middle East Bureau, U.S. Agency for International Development.

CENTRAL AMERICA ORGANIZED CRIME INITIATIVE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing on Central America and the Merida Initiative. Testimony was heard from Thomas A. Shannon, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs; and public witnesses.

PERFORMANCE-BASED ACQUISITIONS

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled “Performance Based Acquisitions: Creating Solutions or Causing Problems?” Testimony was heard from John Hutton, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO; Thomas Essig, Chief Procurement Officer, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.